

## AMENDMENTS

In the claims, please amend as follows:

- a. Amend claims 1, 19, 20, 23, 24, 27, 29 and 30 to read as follows:

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-- 1. (Twice Amended.) An aqueous glittering ink comprising

scaly glittering particles,

a water-soluble resin,

a water-soluble organic solvent,

a colorant,

a binder component for fixing the said scaly particles to a written mark or a coated film; and,

water,

wherein said scaly glittering particles have

a median diameter of at least 10 $\mu$ m and a smooth metal surface,

the ratio of smoothness on the particle surface to the median diameter of not greater than 0.011, and

a surface coating ratio of said colorant covering the surface of said particle's surface in a written mark of not greater than 80% in a state of a dried written mark.

19. (Twice Amended.) A method for forming a written mark comprising glittering

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particles, wherein glittering particles have a median diameter of at least 10  $\mu$ m, and a smooth metal surface, the ratio of smoothness on the particle surface to said median diameter is not greater than 0.011, and the coating ratio of a colorant to scaly glittering particles to said median

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diameter is not greater than 80%, interspersing the scaly glittering particles within the range of not greater than 80% to the total written surface, and interspersing said colorant's particles among said glittering particles.

20. (Twice Amended.) A method for forming a written mark comprising glittering particles, wherein glittering particles have a median diameter of at least 25  $\mu\text{m}$  and a smooth metal surface, and have a smooth metal surface, the ratio of smoothness on the particle surface to said median diameter is not greater than 0.011, and the coating ratio of a colorant to scaly glittering particles to said median diameter is not greater than 40%, interspersing the scaly glittering particles within the range of 20-45% to the total written surface, and interspersing said colorant's particles among said glittering particles.

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23. (Amended.) A written mark having the characteristics of the aqueous glittering ink, wherein glittering particles have a median diameter of at least 10  $\mu\text{m}$ , and a smooth metal surface, the ratio of smoothness on the particle surface to the said median diameter is not greater than 0.011, and the coating ratio of a colorant to scaly glittering particles is not greater than 80%, interspersing the scaly glittering particles within the range of not greater than 80% to the total written surface, and interspersing the said colorant's particles among the said glittering particles.

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24. (Amended.) A written mark having the characteristics of the aqueous glittering ink, wherein glittering particles have a median diameter of at least 25  $\mu\text{m}$ , and a smooth metal surface, the ratio of smoothness on the particle surface to the said median diameter is not greater than 0.011, and the coating ratio of a colorant to scaly glittering particles is not greater than 40%, interspersing the scaly glittering particles within the range of 20 ~ 45% to the total written surface, and interspersing the said colorant's particles among the said glittering particles.

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27. (Twice Amended.) A ball-point pen with an aqueous glittering ink filled in the ink tank comprising scaly glittering particles, a water-soluble resin, a water-soluble organic solvent, a colorant, a binder component for fixing the said scaly glittering particles to a written mark or a coated film, and water, wherein said scaly glittering particles have a median diameter of at least 25  $\mu\text{m}$ , a thixotropy index of not less than 1.3, represented by the ratio of V0.5 to V1.0 ( $V0.5 / V1.0$ ), wherein V0.5 is the viscosity with the rotation speed of 0.5 rpm and V1.0 is the viscosity with the rotation speed of 1.0 rpm when the ink is measured by an ELD viscometer with a 3°R14 cone, rotation speed: 0.5 rpm at a temperature of 20°C and the V0.5, the viscosity with the rotation speed of 0.5 rpm, of 1000 - 15000 mPa.

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29. (Amended.) A method for forming a coated film comprising glittering particles, wherein the glittering particles have a median diameter of at least 10  $\mu\text{m}$ , and a smooth metal surface, the ratio of smoothness on the particle surface to said median diameter is not greater than 0.011, and the coating ratio of a colorant to the scaly glittering particles to said median diameter is not greater than 80%, interspersing the scaly glittering particles within the range of not greater than 80% to the total written surface, and interspersing said colorant's particles among said glittering particles.

30. (Amended.) An aqueous glittering ink comprising scaly glittering particles, a water-soluble resin, a water-soluble organic solvent, a colorant, a binder component for fixing the said scaly glittering particles to a written mark or a coated film, and water, wherein said scaly glittering particles have a median diameter of at least 10  $\mu\text{m}$ , and a smooth metal surface, the ratio of smoothness on the particle surface to the median diameter is not greater than 0.011, and a surface coating ratio of said colorant covering the surface of said particle's surface in a written mark is not greater than 80% in a state of a dried written mark.